



Official Minutes

Conference Call via ZOOM

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International
May 30, 2020
10:00 a.m.

The 2019-2020 District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International Cabinet met via conference call to discuss cancellation of the June 19-20 District Convention due to restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

District Governor James Belk called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members participated in the conference call: District Governor James Belk; First Vice District Governor Ted Boyd; Second Vice District Governor Ron Miller; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross; Region 1 Chair Barbara Norton; and Zone 2D Chairman Doug McDonough.

The following Cabinet Members were absent: Immediate PDG Terry Hawkins; Region 1A Chair Vohnya Tongate; Zone 1B Chairman Gary Smith; Zone 1C Chair Audra Gregory; Zone 1D Chair Robert Millican; Region 2 Chairman PDG James Osborne; Zone 2A Chair Zach Cummings; and Zone 2C Chair Mitch Grant. The Zone 2B position is vacant.

Election Chairman Lion Joe Freeman is unable to participate due to work commitments.

Other participants on the call included PDG Wendell Dunlap, PCC Bernie Gradel, PDG James Norton, PDG Terrell Thompson, and PDG Peg White.

A quorum of the Cabinet participated in the conference call.

2020 DISTRICT 2-T2 CONVENTION, PLAINVIEW, TX

A few weeks earlier, Governor Belk sent an email poll to the District Cabinet. He asked for their feedback as to whether the 2020 District Convention should be held or cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Most replies were in favor of cancelling the District Convention. Governor Belk told the group that it would be difficult to hold a convention and maintain safe social distancing for the attendees. He noted that many Plainview meeting venues and hotels still have COVID-19 restrictions in place.

In addition, the venue and/or District 2-T2 would have a liability for proper sanitizing of the facility before, during, and after the event.

In his response, PDG Jim Petty expressed concern about availability of hotel rooms for out-of-town convention attendees.

PDG Wendell Dunlap, who is the current Mayor of Plainview, told the group that the City remains cautious. As noted earlier, restrictions are still in place that would make a convention difficult. He said the Plainview Lions Club would be willing to work with First Vice District Governor Boyd to combine Convention functions with those of the first Cabinet Meeting.

After thorough discussion, a motion was made by PCC Bernie Gradel and seconded by First Vice District Governor Ted Boyd to cancel the 2020 District 2-T2 Convention, rescheduled for June 19-20, 2020 in Plainview. ***All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.***

DISTRICT ELECTION:

Since the District Convention is cancelled, the District 2-T2 Elections Committee will send out ballots to the eligible delegates of each chartered club in good standing with Lions Clubs International.

All Past District Governors in a club shall be entitled to be a voting delegate--and their vote shall not be counted as part of the Club's delegate total.

Election Chairman Lion Joe Freeman will have additional instructions when the ballots are sent to each club in District 2-T2 prior to June 19.

It was noted that there are 5 to 7 clubs that have not paid their Lions Clubs International dues. Therefore, they will not be eligible to vote in the election, until this is paid. Lions Clubs International headquarters has been closed since March. Some club dues payments may be in limbo. Because of this, Lions Clubs International will allow clubs to vote—providing they submitted payment by mail during this time.

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE:

Governor Belk said the Plainview Lions Club will meet next week to submit Lion Doug McDonough as a candidate for Second Vice District Governor.

PDG Dunlap said he was proud to be a member of a Lions Club that can provide leadership to the District. He cited District Governor James Belk, Second Vice District Governor Ron Miller, and now Second VDG candidate Doug McDonough as examples.

PDG Thompson assured Second VDG candidate McDonough not to worry about having District officers from the same club during sequential years. PDG Thompson had a similar situation when he succeeded Lion Tom White as District Governor. Both were from the

Lubbock Lions Club. PDG Thompson said most Lions in the District look at the candidate's leadership skills—rather than the club they belong to.

PDG Dunlap thanked Governor Belk for his inspired leadership during a difficult year, where daily activities were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DISTRICT CONVENTION DUES:

Cabinet Treasurer Cross asked for guidance on how to handle District Convention dues—now that the convention is cancelled.

After discussion, it was decided that these funds should be rolled over to the 2020-2021 budget. Official action can be taken on this at the July 25, 2020 Cabinet Meeting.

First Vice District Governor Boyd said there will be a 2020-2021 budget meeting on Wednesday, June 6, at Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross' office in Plainview.

OTHER ITEMS:

Governor Belk thanked the District 2-T2 Cabinet for their work this year.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, District Governor Belk adjourned the conference call at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carmon E. McCain

Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain
2019-2020 Cabinet Secretary